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## CHANCES OF LANDING U. OF C. GOOD

### WILL TEST LORA J. AGAIN

Hole at Deep Well Is Plugged Back to 4120 Feet

### CEMENT IS HARDENING

Crew May Make Try for Second Sand Production This Week

Plugged back to 4670 feet and with a leak cemented at 4120 feet, the Lora J. deep test well of the Jamieson Oil Company on East Palm street in Lomita will be given a production test in a few days. The company believes that the plug and new cement job have completely shut the water out of the hole.

Instead of plugging back only 30 feet, the company drove in plug for almost 100 feet, to make sure that any water which may have been coming in at the bottom would be shut out. After the hole was plugged at the bottom, it was discovered that water was coming in through the six-inch at 4120 feet. This called for a cement job, which was readily accomplished.

Today the well is standing while the cement hardens. Before the end of the week the crew will give the well what is considered throughout the field as a highly important test.

On Pennsylvania avenue near Acadia street the crew at the Rogers No. 1, the Jamieson's second deep test, is drilling ahead at about 3500 feet. It is probable that this hole will be cemented a little lower than the Lora J. and that it will not be drilled as deep.

It is patent to observers that the water trouble at the Lora J. was caused either by drilling too deep or by not cementing deep enough. The company will make neither of these mistakes again, having the Lora J. data as a guide.

### Public Speaking Class Will Meet Tuesday Evening

First Gathering at High School Is Called for 7 P. M.

The evening high school public speaking class will hold its first meeting in the small auditorium of the high school Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p. m. At least 15 pupils are necessary to establish this class. Those who are interested are requested to be present at this meeting, as the night of the week for the class must be determined at this time.

The instructress, Miss Alta B. Hall, is available for Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Miss Hall has an adult public speaking class in Long Beach with 70 pupils, including many club and city officials.

### SPURLIN COURT

Mr. and Mrs. Dock White and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mann, each among the newlyweds, are at home in our new apartments at 908 1/2 and 910 Portola avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Radabaugh and daughter Ethel, of Graham, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Williams.

Mrs. J. L. Hughes and son Bryan spent a few days last week at Ocean Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelley of Huntington Beach are now living in bungalow V.

Mrs. George, who has been on the sick list, is very much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Becker and a party of friends spent Sunday at Camp Bardsley.

E. A. Spiller returned home after having spent some time at work in the mountains.

### Sewer Bond Election Will Be Held on February 24th

The second metropolitan sewer district, including Inglewood, Hawthorne, Moneta, Gardena, Torrance, Lomita, and a large portion of the Palos Verdes estates, will vote Feb. 24 on a proposition to bond for \$2,000,000 for the purpose of erecting a large trunk sewer system, and to pay its share of the disposal plant and outfall sewer into the Pacific ocean.

### Weather Report of Torrance, Re-published in Milwaukee; Boosts Keystone Population

A short time ago The Torrance Herald received from the Chamber of Commerce a report covering weather conditions here for the month of November. The Herald published it.

John Bernack lives at Keystone. He used to live in Milwaukee. He clipped out the weather resume published in The Herald and sent it back to Frank J. Ermenc, his

### Torrance Firm Hangs Up Long Distance Selling Record For All and Sundry to Shoot At

Just how far the Torrance trading area has been extended by the energy of some Torrance institutions probably never will be known. But Schultz, Peckham and Schultz apparently hold the long-distance sales record at this particular writing.

### Fine Program For Torrance P. T. A. Meeting

Section Gathering Will Be Held on Friday Afternoon

Several splendid vocal and instrumental selections are among the features of the program for the mass meeting of Section D, Tenth-District, Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, to be held next Friday afternoon, Jan. 16, at 1:30, in the Torrance high school auditorium.

A number of federation officers and all the presidents of the section will take part in the program.

### Attendance at Local Schools Up 30 Percent

District Directory Reveals Steady and Uniform Growth Here

The new city directory of Los Angeles school district has just been published, and shows a total of 7533 teachers now on the payroll. At this time last year there were 6420, showing an increase of 1113 teachers. The enrollment of pupils in the city schools has passed the 200,000 mark.

This is a good way to determine Southern California.

The local census shows that Torrance is getting her quota of the increased enrollment, which is 30 percent higher now than at this time last year. The increase in enrollment in the Torrance schools from year to year shows the growth of Torrance to be perfectly normal. The rate in Torrance, which is exceptionally high, is 1 1/2 children of school age to a family.

The attendance curve, beginning with 1919, plots in a perfectly straight line, showing the increase not due to a sudden boom. The loss of pupils for causes other than graduation does not average five a month.

Miss Velma Burns and mother, of Fresno, visited with Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Dillon over the weekend.

### 300 VIEW MASONIC RITES

1925 Officers of Torrance Lodge F. and A. M., Installed

### HIGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Rev. Grice of San Pedro Delivers Inspiring Address

Over 300 members and guests attended the installation of the 1925 officers of Torrance Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 447, at Masonic temple at 1321 Sartori avenue on Wednesday evening.

J. A. Anderson of San Pedro, grand district inspector of the 86th district, installed J. G. Wilson as worshipful master; J. H. Fess, senior warden; J. R. Guyan, junior warden; J. F. Stone, treasurer; W. H. Stanger, secretary; J. H. Sprout, chaplain; J. R. Winters, senior deacon; J. E. McMaisters, junior deacon; O. W. Thistle, marshal; E. N. Tomkins, senior steward; H. R. Seckler, junior steward; and A. E. Perkins, Tyler.

D. N. Towne of Gardena, grand district inspector of the 79th district, was master of ceremonies. Rev. Thomas Grice of San Pedro delivered an inspiring and instructive address.

An enjoyable program preceded a social hour, during which refreshments were served.

Miss Eads and Mr. Johnson rendered several saxophone duets. A male quartet, accompanied by Miss Virginia Watson, included F. V. Lessing, Dr. W. J. Neelds, Scott Ludlow, and J. A. Williams. Mrs. Tom Willacy of Lomita, contralto, sang several selections, and Mrs. Schawber of San Pedro, who was musician during the installation ceremony, gave several piano solos.

### Residence Changes And Newcomers to City of Torrance

Bessie Davenport to 907 Amalga; Mrs. R. F. Baldwin to 2117 Redondo boulevard; Ray Schickel from apartment 8, 1613 Arlington avenue, to 2014 1/2 Arlington; Mrs. F. E. Edmondson to 1119 1/2 Marcellina avenue, apartment 3; Mrs. B. M. Anderson from 1811 Andree avenue to 1924 Gramercy avenue; H. W. Lingerfelter from 1020 Gramercy to 2314 Weston street, Lomita; Mrs. E. Allen from 2058 220th street; Guy F. Miller from 1535 Marcellina; C. D. Sherwin from 2308 Gramercy to 2063 220th street; Mrs. Mansfield from 1008 1/2 Cota avenue; Mrs. S. M. Snyder to 2224 Gramercy; Mrs. J. T. Shoup to cottage I, El Prado court; Stephen Ball from 174 Gramercy to 2038 Gramercy; H. H. Dolley from apartment C, Norman Arms, to 1744 Manuel; W. H. Campbell from 1816 Andree avenue to Los Angeles; W. L. Ratliff from 703 Cota to Whittier; J. T. Wells from 1908 Martina; Louis Linderman to 801 Portola; Mrs. E. Craig to 1816 Andree avenue; W. B. Wynn to 1419 Marcellina; R. L. Walker from 1911 Andree avenue; H. G. Brundrett to 2222 Arlington; E. V. Proctor from house 3, Park Terrace, to 2024 Gramercy; Wm. A. Bouer to 930 North Arlington; Earl R. Arbon to 929-F Arlington; G. H. Farley from 2019 1/2 Andree avenue; S. H. Wade from 1829 Andree avenue to San Pedro; C. McDowell from 1824 Gramercy; L. Vandenberg from 2122 Andree avenue to Los Angeles; Edward Herring to 1637 Cota; R. S. Cave from apartment J, 1005 Sartori, to 810 1/2 Portola; John Stroh from 2227 Andree avenue to 1811 Andree avenue; G. F. Evans from 1408 Cota to 1828 Cabrillo; R. T. Russell to 2019 1/2 Andree avenue; Bruce Barkis to 2117 Redondo boulevard, apartment 6.

### Executive Board Enjoys Luncheon

After the regular meeting of the executive board of the P. T. A., held at 1920 220th street, Mrs. Sapp, the president, assisted by Mrs. Eby, entertained the members of the board at a delicious three-course luncheon.

The favors were yellow roses and bells tied with yellow ribbon bows. The roses held candied and salted nuts. The cakes were iced in yellow.

During the luncheon much curiosity was aroused among the guests when Mrs. Sapp was called to the door a couple of times to receive packages, which upon being opened disclosed the fact that it was the hostess' birthday and the packages contained birthday remembrances from her husband and son.

Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames J. R. Sach, Carl Greenleaf, A. B. Denny, Fred Cogswell, Helen O'Leary, George Wheaton, Hurum Reeve, M. Paul Eby, G. H. Sapp, W. C. Hayden and J. H. Milburn, Misses Burnham and Hermia Oetken, and William M. Bell.

### Observations

Redondo Blvd. Assessment—Curfew? Yes, But Is That All?—The Police Force—The Cabrillo Avenue Riddle—The Lighting Proposal

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE proposal by the board of trustees to pave Redondo boulevard to the west Torrance limits along the strip of land deeded to the city by the Dominguez Land Corporation is well advised. The pavement will open up a large amount of territory for residential and industrial purposes.

There is, however, some chance for difference of opinion regarding the limits of the assessment district formed to pay the cost of the improvement.

Owners of property fronting on Carson street and south of Carson street believe that they should not be assessed. They point out that their property is already served by a paved highway to Redondo Beach and that the extension of Redondo boulevard will not benefit them. This contention seems logical.

Opposed to it is the statement that owners of property in the northern part of the city paid their share of the cost of paving Carson street. This, of course, is true, but when Carson street was paved there was no other improved highway leading west from Torrance. It was paved to serve the entire city.

Traffic is now so heavy that two pavements leading out to the west are needed. It is not to say that it is inadvisable to extend Redondo boulevard, but to bolster the contention that property on and south of Carson street should not be assessed for the proposed improvement.

IT is well for the board of trustees to pass a curfew and a dance-hall ordinance.

Both ordinances are designed for the protection of Torrance youth, but both constitute more of a NEGATIVE than a POSITIVE benefit.

While these ordinances are being prepared, the city should be devising some means of benefiting the young people POSITIVELY. Torrance is woefully lacking in public recreational facilities. There is a football field and a basketball court on the school grounds. At best only a few of the young people can play on these at once.

There is one tennis court in the city. It is daily in use.

That completes the census of community recreational facilities. The Herald believes that the city of Torrance can make no better investment than that which would provide adequate athletic facilities for the people of the city—young and old.

This can be done at little cost. At minimum cost the city could build several tennis courts and a lighted basketball court on the school grounds with the permission of the board of education. The street department could do the necessary grading. Asphalt courts could be put down by the contractor who soon will be paving the alleys in the business district. It is reasonable to assume that the contractor, once his equipment is operating in the city, would agree to lay these courts at cost. If not, the city could do the work itself.

Once the courts are built the Chamber of Commerce could arrange city-wide tennis and basketball tournaments. The tennis tournament could be separated into contests for entrants of all ages. Torrance Boy Scouts have a basketball team. They play games on Friday nights. There is no lighted court in Torrance. THEY HAVE TO GO TO LOMITA TO PLAY THEIR NIGHT GAMES.

Let's keep the youngsters off the streets at night, out of pool-rooms and out of the public dancehalls.

But let's not forget that it is the duty of a modern community to provide adequate facilities for the outlet of the enormous energies of its youth.

The Herald makes this suggestion with all the earnestness at its command—and commends its consideration to the trustees, the Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Club, the P. T. A., the Rotary Club, the Progress Club, and the business men.

How about some action?

ONE hears strange objection to the fact that there are seven policemen on the Torrance force. Yet study of conditions really makes one wonder how the department functions with so few.

Policemen, like other modern employees, work eight hours a day. That makes necessary three shifts a day. One man must be on duty at street station all the time. Another must do motorcycle duty. That leaves five. Divide these five into three shifts and you have one and two-thirds policemen for each shift. It is necessary to rob the day shift in order to man the night watch. The force may be large enough, but it is by no means too large.

WHEN somebody declares that the city of Torrance should condemn the Pacific Electric right of way on Cabrillo avenue, ask him how much such a procedure would cost. If he doesn't know, tell him that thorough investigation has shown that the cost would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000 or \$250,000. The railway company owns the land in fee. To condemn it the city would be forced to pay the company for the land, with Cabrillo avenue frontage prices as a basis for the payment. Who would pay the bill? The city at large could not reasonably be asked to do it. And it would be too costly for the owners of property fronting on Cabrillo avenue.

Confronted with this riddle, city officials informed the P. E. that property owners would be willing to have the right of way if the company would allow them to do so.

The P. E. agreed to this proposal with this provision—that if the right of way were paved the company would build curbs on each side.

To this the city officials naturally demurred. And here the matter stands.

Now come contentions that the city should declare the unpaved right of way a nuisance and start court action to make the company pave it.

There may be some reason in that. But suppose the P. E. is forced to pave it, how can they be prevented from erecting curbs? If anyone can point the way to a solution of this problem they will earn the undying gratitude of the board of trustees.

THE proposal of the board of trustees to install a lighting system in the business and residence districts of Torrance is well made.

Under the assessment district plan a date for protests against the improvement will be set. On this date the board will learn just how many citizens favor and oppose the proposition.

To call a special election would cost money. Under the assessment district plan, City Engineer J. J. Jessup has agreed to prepare plans and specifications at no cost to the city in case the protests are sufficient to cancel the proceedings.

### Regents Consider Palos Verdes Site For South Branch

Tract of More Than 1,000 Acres Facing Sea and Mountains Offered to Board at Price of \$500 An Acre

### DECISION OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO THIS REGION

Location of Institution of 10,000 Students in Hills Would Bring Cultural and Material Advantages to South County Area

The chances appear to be even that the University of California's Southern Branch will be located in the Palos Verdes hills.

According to individuals close in touch with the situation the board of regents has tentatively narrowed the list of proffered sites down to two—one at Westgate and one at Palos Verdes.

At a meeting of the regents Wednesday, representatives of every chamber of commerce in the southern part of Los Angeles county urged the selection of the Palos Verdes site.

Through these chambers of commerce the Palos Verdes Estates have offered the university a tract of more than 1000 acres at the low price of \$500 an acre, have agreed to construct all roads by the site, in case the offer is accepted.

The Palos Verdes site is located on both sides of the summit of the hills, with one side looking down on the Pacific and, the other

facing the mountains to the north. Expert reports, presented to the regents, assert that the climate and land are excellently adapted to agricultural experiment, which will be a feature of the Southern Branch, it is expected.

According to the plan now being formulated, in case the Palos Verdes site is accepted, a railway line will be constructed to the proposed campus, leaving the Pacific Electric line south of Torrance. At the same time it is planned, if the site is chosen, to make Cypress avenue, which runs through Torrance and West Lomita, into a 200-foot boulevard.

The Southern Branch, when functioning, will be equipped for 10,000 students at the outset.

The importance of the selection of the Palos Verdes site from the standpoint of the cultural and material advantages it would bring to this section of the Southland cannot be overestimated.

### Pretty Wedding Is Solemnized Here Thursday

Miss Clara Totten Becomes Bride of James Henry Hellon

A charming home wedding was solemnized Thursday afternoon, when Miss Clara Totten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Totten of 1111 Amalga avenue, became the bride of James Henry Hellon, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hellon of 711 Cota avenue, at the home of the bride.

The house was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white. In the front living room a pretty bower was made with pink and white carnations, asparagus ferns and white doves.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a beautiful gown of white china silk and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds.

The bridesmaid, Miss Opal Halllock of Los Angeles, wore white crepe de chine. Little Miss Lorraine Hellon, sister of the bridegroom, was dainty in pink organdie. She was ring bearer, and carried a basket of sweet peas. Jack Tomkins of Lomita was best man. Rev. Francis Zeller of the Central Evangelical church of Torrance officiated. Mrs. N. B. Halllock was directress.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hellon are well known in Torrance. Mrs. Hellon, formerly of Iowa, graduated from the Torrance high school last June and worked in the purchasing department of the Union Tool Company until her resignation Jan. 1.

Mr. Hellon, a native of England, is in the mechanical department of the Columbia Steel Corporation. Many beautiful and practical gifts were received, including two large rugs, two sets of monogrammed dishes, a pair of vases, aluminum wear, a casserole, and several electric appliances.

After the ceremony a lovely dinner was served to the following relatives and guests: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hellon and daughters Olive and Roberta and son Robert, Mrs. N. B. Halllock and daughter Opal, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bender and sons Howard and Leland, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Higgins and son William, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Totten and sons Howard and Clifford, Jack Tomkins, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Zeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Hellon will go to housekeeping in their own home, which was completely built by Mr. Hallon and Mr. Totten, at 1519 Barton avenue, Western City.

Mrs. J. P. Nelson, at present making her home at 1019 North Aviston avenue, is convalescing from a badly infected foot.

### New Bakery to Open Here Next Monday, Jan. 12

Ovens of 5000 Loaves Capacity Part of Carson St. Firm's Equipment

Another addition to the steadily increasing number of business concerns in Torrance will be made next Monday, when the new Torrance Bakery commences active operation.

The plant and salesroom of this bakery are located in the new building at 1925 West Carson street, next to the Lewis Ripple furniture store. The business is owned and operated by L. Smith and J. W. O'Donnell, formerly of Los Angeles, both men being expert bakers of wide experience.

Baking machinery of the most modern type has been installed, including mixers, kneaders and ovens with a capacity of from 3000 to 5000 loaves of bread daily. The output will also include rolls in many varieties, coffee cakes, fancy cakes of all descriptions, French pastry, pies, doughnuts, and the other items usually sold in high-class baking establishments.

Both wholesale and retail departments will be maintained, and the showroom is equipped with handsome fixtures for the display of the bakery's products.

The sales department will be in charge of Thelma Reineman.

### Business License Payments Are Due

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced today that business license payments will become delinquent after Saturday, Jan. 10. The ordinance provides for a 50 percent penalty for delinquent business license payments.

### McKINLEY INN NOTES

W. F. McFarland was a business visitor in Whittier Monday.

Louis Batche was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faulkner of Redondo Beach Monday evening.

Frank Healey was the guest of friends in Los Angeles Sunday.

Mrs. May McKinley and son Forgest enjoyed a drive through the beautiful new scenic highway, Mulholland drive, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Phyllis Swenson, who spent the holidays here with her mother, has returned to Los Angeles where she is attending school.